Delay in Supply of Gas Through, H. B. J. Pipeline

741. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA; DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to, state:

(a)' whether the construetion of Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur ('HBJ) pipeline to supply Bombay High gas from Hajira to six inland-based fertiliser plants in Northern India has failed behind schedule; if so, by how much;

(b) whether the target for commissioning of IFFCS plant, at Aonla Is likely to be delayed because of this factor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work of the$_e$ second phase of the HBJ pipeline has stopped; and

(d) whether any fertiliser plant other than Aonla which was to be supplied the gas is lying idle?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The HBJ project is expected to be completed in all respects by the scheduled date of July 1989.

(b) GAIL commitment is for supply of gas as feedstock only. The [FFCO Plant at Aonla is expected to draw gas as feedstock from March 1988. GAIL's schedule for supply of gas to Aonla fertilizer plant matches with this schedule.

(c) No, Sir. Work on the line from Bijaipur to Aonla and Auraiya to Jagadishpur is in progress.

(d) Nte, Sir.

Setting up of Energy Conservation Commission

742. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA;
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH" HANSPAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Energy Conservation Commis sion in the country to make energy con servation more effective;

(b) if so, by when the proposed commission will be set up;

(c) what are the details of the recommendations made by the Kapoor Committee on Energy conservation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) No decision has so far been taken to set up an Energy Conservation Commission.

(b) Does not 'arise.

(c) and (d) The committee hag made a number of suggestions regarding conservation of energy in the industrial, transport and agricultural sectors. These suggestions incorporate short-term and long-term measures which *inter-alia* include introduction of energy audits in industries, installation of waste-heat recovery and co-generation systems, equipment and process modifications, rectification °f inefficient agricultural pump-sets and adoption/development of energy efflidient technologies in the industrial and transport sectors. The Committee has also stressed the need for an effective organisational set up, a revolving fund, fiscal incentives, educational and awareness programmes, and display of levels of energy consumption on different equipments and appliances. The

energy conservation strategy of the Government encompasses most of these suggestions and action is being taken on a continuing basis to implement energy conservation measures.

Enhancement in prices of Petrol,Kerosene and Diesel

743. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE;

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE;

SHRI* SUKOMAL SEN;

SHRT K. MOHANAN;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) on how many occasions since 1980 the prices of petrol, diesel oil and Kerosent have been. enhanced by administrative orders;

(b) the extent of enhancement per litre °n each occasion and its impact on general price rise;

(c) the price per litre of petrol, kero-sene and diesel oil in 1980 and at the end of December, 1987;

(d) the total revenue expected to be collected through price hike of petrol in December, 1987; and

(e) on what grounds the price of pet. rol was enhanced in December, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) A-statement is enclosed (see below).

(d) and (e) There was no hike in the price of petrol in December, 1987.

Statement

(a) and (b) The details of enhancement of prices of petrol, diesel and kerosene ex-storage points from 1980 onwards are given below: —

(Rs. /Litre)

Date of enhancement	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
8-6-1980..			—.
13-1-1981			0. 10
11-7-1981.	0. 53	0. 32	0. 15
15-2-1983	—	0 20	—
18-3-1983	—	—	0. 10
1-9-1983	0. 10		—
17-3-1985... '.	0 83	0. 23	0 25
1-2-1986	0. 50	0 18	0 23
9-1-1988. _	1. 00	—	—

The percentage share of the extent of rise in the prices of all petroleum to the rise in the wholesale price index is given below: —

1979-80 March to January	1985-86 End End March to 26th 25th January	1986-87 March to January	1987-88 End End March to 24th 23rd January
7. 36	0 21	0. 13	2. 18

(c) Retail price of petrol, diesel and Kerose le at Delhi as on 1-4-1980 and on 31-12-1987.

Rs. /Litre

	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
1-4-1980	441	1. 58	1. 54
31-12-1987	7. 43	3-50	2. 25